

TOLLEDO EATS THEM ALIVE THESE DAYS

BANK MURDERER'S MOTHER EXCITES COURT'S PITY

HAMMOND BANK RAID PLANNED BY MURDERERS

Tolleston aBndits Were at Doors of the Citizen's National Bank Ready to Shoot Up the Institution.

The four Tolleston bank murderers and bandits sentenced to the electric chair at Crown Point this morning came to Hammond the day before the Tolleston affair to hold up and rob the Citizens' National Bank of Hammond.

They not only planned to do it, but they did start on the job. Their car was in front of the bank and they were about to enter it when hindered by two girls.

It was for the purpose of raiding the Citizen's bank, in the heart of Hammond, that the gunmen assembled in Gary on the Thursday evening preceding the Uecker murder. They planned to do the job on Friday.

On Friday morning the bandits climbed in the same murder car at 8 o'clock. They motored hurriedly to Hammond. It was the same gang. Dan Trkulja was at the wheel, and his brother-desperadoes comprised the Batchelor brothers, "Red" Parker and Lee Spiers.

ALL READY AT HAMMOND. They arrived in Hammond shortly before 9 o'clock, and drove to the business section. They stopped on Sibley st. while two of the bandits were sent out to make a survey.

After a brief reconnaissance, they returned to the machine and reported circumstances auspicious.

About 9 o'clock, Friday the 13th, the death car drew up in front of the bank; the quartette piled out. As the Batchelor boys started to enter, they noticed two young women in the bank transacting business at one of the windows. This caused them to wait and observe. They feared to enter the bank then, surmising that the girls would scream and give the alarm, despite the menacing revolvers.

GIRES SCARE BOLD, BAD BANDITS. They waited and waited, and the girls unafraid of the dire fate that threatened the institution, chatted on, and on, with the clerical force before business started.

The inexhaustible feminine chatter, proved availing. The bandits shifted from one foot to the other, and sighed and sighed. Lee Spiers, who nudged "Red" Parker to keep him from falling asleep in the doorway. Finally, they gave up the ghost.

The crowd on Hohman street was increasing, and the chances of a clean getaway were narrowing to an unsafe margin. They swore a little, limbed back in the car and motored away.

GO TO LANSING FOR ATTEMPT. From Hammond they motored to Lansing, Ill., just across the state line. They intended to rob the bank there.

After motoring into town they made their usual survey. The principal street out of town was torn-up. Pedestrians informed them it would be necessary to make a detour to get out of town. They would have to go out by one route and double back along a poor road.

The bandits didn't listen amiably to this "traveling in a circle," so they beat it from Lansing.

The Tolleston job remained. It was too late to try it, they concluded. On returning to Gary they surveyed the Tolleston district, and laid their plans for the ever memorable hold-up Saturday morning.

MASONS TO HAVE VAUDEVILLE SHOW

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES) CROWN POINT, Ind., July 3.—The Masonic Temple Association of Crown Point have made all arrangements to stage a big vaudeville show at the Crown theatre in the county seat on Friday night, July 25th, for the benefit of the Temple fund. They will put on six big acts, all of the same class as the Imperial Quartette, whose records are world famous, whose vicars will be a humorist, a musical duo, and a ventriloquist. It is a nice evening the Committee expects many Masons from the north end of the county to motor down to the show.

MANY, MANY WILL BE HAPPY FOR FOURTH

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) INDIANAPOLIS, July 3.—The divorce mill ground out a degree every six minutes here today. In all 72 matrimonial knots were sundered in the five county courts.

Hammond Loses Popular Citizen



FRANK C. DEMING.

All that was mortal of Frank C. Deming, Hammond banker, retired lumber merchant, former president of the Hammond Country Club and civic booster, was laid away to rest this afternoon from his late home, Rev. J. C. Parrett, of the First Presbyterian church officiating. A very large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives gathered to pay their last respects to the decedent who is widely mourned. The funeral services were many and beautiful. Mr. Deming was 61 years of age and came to Hammond from Michigan City twenty-eight years ago. He was vice-president of the First National Bank and a Shriner.

MAJ. HAAN FEATURED AT CROWN POINT

County Seat Will Stage a Monster Fourth of July Celebration at the Fair Ground Tomorrow.

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES) CROWN POINT, Ind., July 3.—Everything is all set for the Crown Point Chamber of Commerce mammoth Fourth of July celebration and every man, woman and child in Lake County knows just what kind of a setting it is. Some of the features will be a military parade headed by Maj. W. G. Haan, auto races, horse races, band concerts, athletic sports, prize dancing, and motorcycle races.

Everything that has been done in former years to entertain the big throng that flock to Crown Point on the nation's natal day will be repeated this year, with many and varying additions.

BIG HOME-COMING DAY. No one, even the most blasé, ever went home from Crown Point and felt that they had been cheated, and the Chamber of Commerce committee that have been working long and hard, preparing for this year's celebration assure the public that they will not take (Continued on page five.)

WHITING STARTS DAY WITH PARADE

Oil City to Have the Only Celebration in North Part of the County.

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES) WHITING, Ind., July 3.—The plans for the Whiting Fourth of July celebration and Welcome Home for the soldier boys are well under way and from indications it will be a gala event. The festivities begin with a parade in the morning, which will form at the city hall at 9 o'clock. There are expected to be at least 500 soldiers and sailors from Whiting in the line of march in uniform. There'll be floats representing various business houses and the members of every lodge, organization and club will turn out en masse to march in the parade. Several bands will furnish music. The parade will disband at the Whiting lake front park, where a basket picnic is to be held.

SCREAMS AS SHE HEARS BOY'S PLEAS

Thos. Batchelor Confesses to Murder of Cashier Uecker at Tolleston.

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES) CROWN POINT, Ind., July 3.—Four of the Tolleston bank murderers were sentenced to the electric chair by Judge Martin Smith in the criminal court this afternoon and two were sent to the penitentiary for life. The men doomed to die at Michigan City are Albert and Thos. Batchelor, "Red" Parker and Dan Trkulja. Those sent up for life are Lee Spiers and D. Bieleck.

(BULLETIN.) **(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)** CROWN POINT, Ind., July 3.—"Red" Parker, the 19 year old Chicago ex-convict and Dan Trkulja of Gary, leader of the Tolleston bank bandits, pleaded guilty before Judge Smith this morning. Nick Trkulja of Gary, charged with being an accessory, refused to plead guilty and will be tried July 9. D. Bieleck, accessory, pleaded guilty.

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES) CROWN POINT, Ind., July 3.—A harrowing scene rent the hearts of criminal court officials yesterday afternoon when the mother of Thos. and Albert Batchelor from Chicago met her sons in court and heard them plead guilty to the Tolleston bank murder robbery.

Her cries were heartrending and the hearts of those in the courtroom went out in deepest pity to the poor mother whose sons had brought such sorrow and disgrace to her.

FIRE THE FATAL SHOT. The Batchelor boys had been indicted by the grand jury and when brought into court, Thomas pleaded guilty to the charge of murder. He admitted being the first man in the bank and said he fired two shots at Cashier Uecker. He had gone to his window and offered to deposit \$7,000. Albert Batchelor, his brother also pleaded guilty. They were remanded for sentence.

WAS READY TO FIRE. Lee W. Spiers, one of the bandits, was arraigned before Judge Smith on Wednesday afternoon on the charge of murder and pleaded guilty. He did not fire any of the shots but was the one who stood at the door of the bank and was the one who had been picked to do the shooting if shooting was necessary to get the money. His case was continued.

Justice Smith, the former Gary constable, indicted on a charge of burglary, pleaded guilty to burglary in the home of Oren Bogdanovich and was sentenced to 2 to 14 years in the Indiana state prison. Smith is 33 and had been running a soft drink parlor at Lafayette. He is one of Gary's bad men and had been in trouble many times.

NEW AERIAL MAIL SERVICE

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) INDIANAPOLIS, July 3.—A new New York aerial mail service proves successful, airplane mail between Indianapolis and Detroit may soon be a reality, according to Postmaster Springsteen.

GOODRICH BACK FROM NEW YORK

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) INDIANAPOLIS, July 3.—Governor Goodrich was in his office today following his return from New York. He will go to Marion, Indiana this evening and will deliver an address at the soldiers' home there tomorrow.

MUST MUZZLE DOGS.

Chief of Police Peter Austgen warns all dog owners to muzzle their dogs from now on until further notice. Any dog found running at large without a muzzle and license tag will be shot on sight by officers sent out for this purpose.

U. S. MARSHAL ARRIVES IN HAMMOND

Fresh from Vigo county where he had pinched the county auditor for bringing booze into the state, Deputy U. S. Marshal Frank S. Ream dropped into Hammond late yesterday ready to give a few hours attention to liquor law violators in this end of the state.

The first man to greet him this morning was Fred Witzel of Grand Rapids, Mich., who had returned to finish the details of putting up his bond for appearance before the federal grand jury. Witzel it will be remembered had deposited his new Saxon automobile as security. He was allowed to drive it home.

John Hothazi, the former Indiana Harbor saloon keeper who was arrested at a Hungarian picnic last Sunday by East Chicago police, was also turned over to Marshal Ream. Hothazi had tried to keep his old saloon supplied with liquor but fell down on the job. As the federal court will take up his case at once John is due to face Judge Anderson at Indianapolis in a few days.

Albert Editz of 1944 Virginia street, Gary, who tried to bring over twenty-five gallons of booze in a motorcycle sidecar, was given his hearing before U. S. Commissioner Charles Surridge this morning. He was held to the federal court under \$1,000 bond.

REDS HAVE A STREAK OF YELLOW

Bolshevism, boasted by some of its adherents to be green in the Calumet region, has developed the usual broad yellow streak and has backed down completely on the program which several weeks ago had been planned for July Fourth.

There were to be parades, speeches, red-flag raisings and other activities on the part of the Reds, according to the stories which drifted in from indirect sources. There were also hints of bloodshed and terrorism. All this seems to have fallen flat.

The police forces of Hammond, Gary, East Chicago, Whiting and West Hammond have been keeping their eyes and ears open. Little has transpired in the few supposed secret meetings held that were not known to the police. In East Hammond they finally lost heart and frankly told the police they had abandoned the plan for Fourth of July celebrations in this vicinity, but would probably send large delegations to Chicago where big things are expected.

At the same time the police are taking no chances on the Reds slipping anything over on them. They have had their plans laid for any situation which may arise and those plans will remain in force long after July Fourth has passed.

There are still a lot of people who are sore because of the bolsheviki flukes early in May. Those fellows were just itching to wade into a red necktie parade and tractor bolshevism over the landscape. They say it was a mistake to let the Reds know of the preparations for otherwise the anarchists would probably have gone ahead with their plans and would probably have marched into the arms of the loyal "workmen and soldiers committees" which were waiting for the chance.

Not a peep has been heard from Charlie Babcock, whose wife is suing for a divorce because of his disloyal actions. He has been quiet since that Gary affair in which he was arrested. Little Mike Silverman of East Chicago is gone. After he had begged like a baby to be allowed to remain in America he shut up and later skipped. His friends say they don't know whether he is in San Francisco or New York. Anyway, they think he is pretty far from East Chicago. A number of his creditors would also like to find him.

NEW MASONIC LODGE MEETS

In spite of the fact that the thermometer in the lodge room registered around 95 degrees last night, McKinley Lodge F. & A. M. held its first regular business session since it was instituted two weeks ago. Matters of importance were up for consideration and so much business was transacted that the members had little time to notice the excessive heat. Sixteen new candidates were favorably balloted. At the close of the work M. D. Metz, W. M., turned the meeting into a picture show. The stereopticon was used to throw on the screen thirty-one pictures of the State Masonic Home. The views were taken at different places on the 200 acres and showed all of the different buildings.

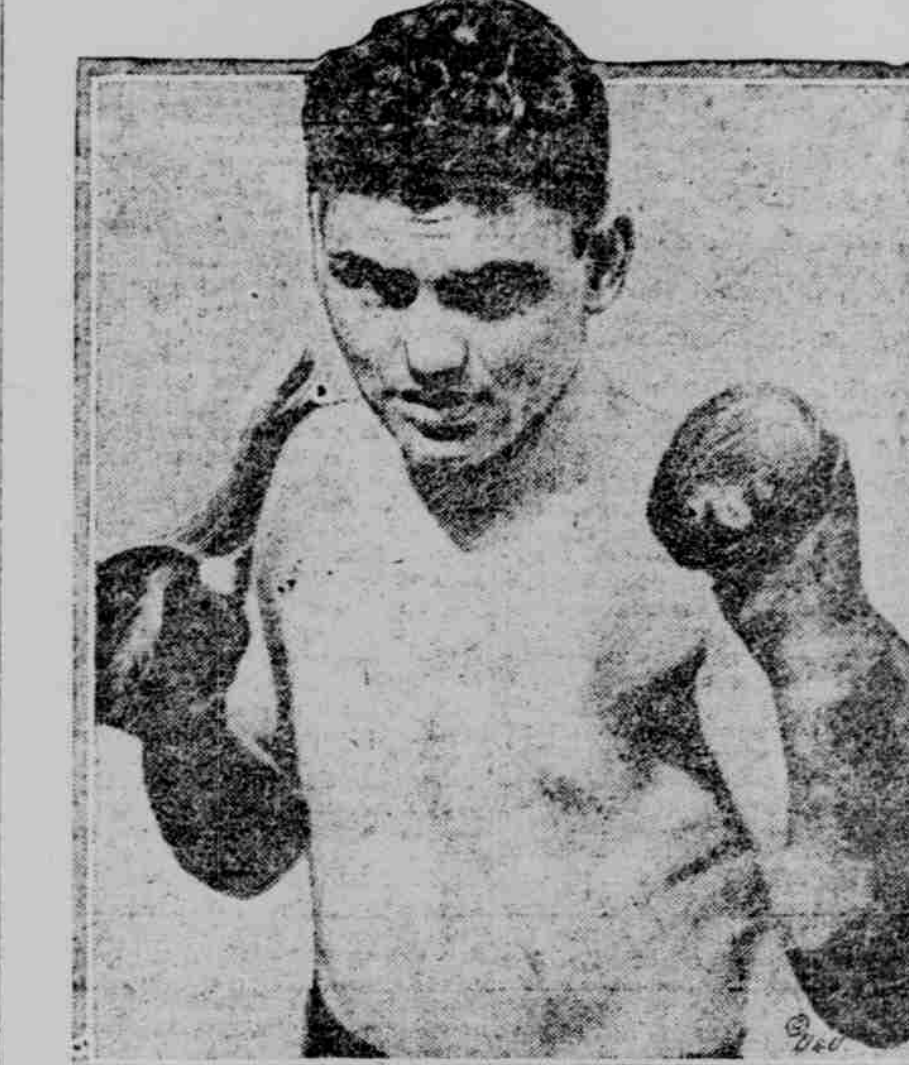
RETURNED SOLDIER GETS SAD NEWS

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) SHELBYVILLE, Indiana, July 3.—While Clyde Richey, overseas Yank just discharged from the army, hiked out the pleasant road toward Marietta and home he conjured up pictures of the joyous welcome that awaited him. A friend met him on the road and informed him that his father had died the day before Richey set foot on home soil. Telegraphic advices failed to reach him. Similar news awaited a brother, who was expected to be discharged from the army today.

NO SHOOT ON THE 4TH.

The Hammond Rifle Club will not hold their shoot on Saturday as most of the members will be out of town over the Fourth.

Jack Dempsey's Fighting Face



Country Dry, He Suicides

Last night while walking through the fields just east of Columbia ave. some body found the body of J. Marich, who roomed at 223 Ames ave., Hammond. The body, which had evidently been lying there for two or three days, had three bullet wounds in the chest which had been shot from a .32 calibre revolver that was lying near Marich's hand.

Marich was said to be a heavy drinker and it is thought that the country going dry preyed on his mind and made him despondent.

The remains were taken to Burns' morgue.

GARY MAN HAD 80 QUARTS OF BOOZE

He Thought the Hammond Police Were Too Busy, But They Were Not.

Ignatz Guber of Gary was one of those fellows who thought the Hammond police would be too busy to bother him Monday night. It looked like the opportunity of a life-time to him so he went over into Illinois and bought heavily.

Late that night Ignatz with his little Ford came bravely across the line. The cops were busy but Ignatz happened to be part of their business. The clank of bottles would have attracted any one's attention. On the seat beside him was a sack filled with quart bottles of whiskey. The space between the front and rear seats was filled with more quart bottles.

He was halted and the count showed he had eighty quarts on board. U. S. Marshal Ream was handed a warrant for his arrest this morning to become effective as soon as Ignatz had squared himself with the city authorities. He was having trouble this morning arranging for his release, but thought he could dig up the coin in Gary. It will be necessary for him to hustle some more for the marshal will require the usual \$1,000 bond.

BELA HUN ON A NEW RAMPAGE

(Exclusive Cable to the International News Service from the London Daily Express.) VIENNA, July 2, via London July 3.—Fifty-eight persons were hanged at dawn today at Budapest for their alleged participation in the recent Hungarian counter revolution. Hundreds are in prison at Budapest awaiting sentence.

The allied military mission in Vienna had received word that the "Vladivostok boys," a band of young bolsheviks, are again on the war path at Budapest.

Bela Hun, the red dictator of Hungary, is treating the situation with a ruthless hand. He is quoted as saying:

"The uprising must be choked with blood. Now is the time for the supreme test. The eyes of the whole world are upon us and the dictatorship must be maintained."

EXTRA

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) LONDON, July 3.—Premier Lloyd-George announced this afternoon that the ex-kaiser will soon be placed on trial.

The former ruler of Germany will be tried by an international tribunal sitting in London, the prime minister said.

Where to Celebrate

GARY—National Industrial Field and Track meet.
CROWN POINT—Maj. Gen. W. G. Haan home-coming and races at Fair Grounds.
WHITING—Monster military parade and picnic at beach.
INDIANA HARBOR—Big street parade and celebration at Lake Front beach.
HAMMOND—"Moll" day at Baseball Park; golf tournament at Country Club.
MUNSTER, IND.—Community picnic.

BAD NEGRO VANQUISHED

Lee Price, a bad negro of 65 Merrill avenue, Hammond, was stopped by Officer Flannagan of the Hammond police while running down the alley between Plummer avenue and State st. early yesterday morning.

When the officer asked him where he was going, Price hauled off and hit him in the eye. He started to run but Flannagan grabbed him and called the patrol.

When he was being put into the wagon Price kicked at Flannagan's face, just missing it and fought both Flannagan and Officer Bell all the way to the station, where he was finally locked up.

But as soon as he got into the cell he started to smash everything he could lay his hands on. When Officer Einsle went back to lock him in a smaller cell and as he opened the door Price hit him over the head with a slug which he had made by tying up a granite drinking cup in his handkerchief.

He tried to get out of the door but Einsle though stunned stopped him. When brought up for trial in the Hammond city court he told the judge if he had had a knife he would have killed the officer.

So Judge Klotz gave him a jail sentence of 30 days in the penal farm and a fine of \$75.

BETTING IS SLIM. It is an interesting fact that there has been little preliminary betting. Wise as are these birds who have come to Toledo to see the fight and write about it, and they are about the wisest lot of ex-pugilists who ever punched a typewriter, either in person or by (Continued on page five.)

FIGHT BUGS SEE MANY SENSATIONS

Times Man Blase and Gluttony Manages to Get a Few Thrills At That.

(By TIMES STAFF MAN.) CHICAGO, O. July 3.—I saw the Red fandango at Gary on May day. I saw W. Hammond's last wet night. I saw them shimmy at Burnham and one piece at the Lake Front Park. I heard them yell at carnivals, picnics at Spring Hill, Miller beach, bally-hoo on a Thursday afternoon at the Crown Point fair grounds. I've seen the "Four Corners" packed so you couldn't turn around on a Saturday night, but home is nothing like this.

The last few days before the big fight have been so crowded with gay and blithesome events that the newspaper correspondents, number upwards of 500, have been so completely drawn into the mad whirl as to lose sight almost completely of training camp activities. Each afternoon, from five to six, they dash off their respective bits of wise speculation. This hour they steal by main strength and tremendous exertion of will power from a long day brimming with intriguing adventures and exciting sports. Attend!

It's A Knockout. The amusement purveyors of this town have long been planning good things for this greatest of all weeks in Toledo's history. The minute the visitor gets in his eye is arrested by this thought-provoking sign on every pole:

ARE YOU MARRIED? MORALLY, YES! LEGALLY, NO! And then you learn that the church said they were married, he believed they were, she knew they were, and the baby took it for granted! It's a puerile sensation, a film knockout. It turns 'em away nightly.

Famous Bathing Girls. And when they are turned away, where else may they go? I will tell you. The correspondents and ex-pugilists may go to see a bevy of famous bathing girls, extensively advertised as being in person, appearing at each and every performance at a movie house. Or they may go to Toledo's biggest and best theater, and see Charlie Chaplin in his latest million-dollar stunt.

Ohio, as everyone well knows, went dry on May 31, and these United States are presumed to have done the same on June 30, but for some remarkable reason through Toledo.

Toledo Is Wet. So those who do not care for movies and who believe in the efficacy of liquid inspiration, may drap themselves over the mahogany, just as they had imagined they would never do again, unless they went to Europe or Mexico, or somewhere, or took to soda pop.

Then, too, the sportively inclined may idle away the passing hours in some game of chance, like faro, or craps, or roulette, or poker. It is whispered about that this agreed form of entertaining strangers has not been slighted.

Golf Bugs Busy. The week is furnishing a continuous athletic carnival, with big events on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The first was a golf match at the Inverness club between Cartoonist Rube Goldberg and Ring Lardner, promoted and refereed by Grantland Rice. At the hour of writing, the game has not been finished. H. C. Witwer, magazine writer and sport page columnist, volunteered to caddy for Lardner, and Tammany Young, chiefly noted for his artistic portrayal of crook parts in the firm, undertook to lug Goldberg's bag of clubs around for him and hunt lost balls. The stakes were to be \$5 a hole, and the general expression of the Secor lobby was, "May the worse man lose!" This was because, in the opinion of experts, neither Rube Goldberg nor Lardner is good enough to be called in any circumstances a better man than the other.

Big Fight Tonight. A large and fashionable gallery, it was predicted, would follow the unhappy players over the course.

Thursday was picked as the day for the great clash of light heavyweightweights, Battling Levinsky and Billy Miske. Asked if he had a hand in arranging this bout, Tex Rickard said emphatically: "Now."

Then there is Friday to be taken into account, a regular Roman holiday, with a string of bouts in the big arena lasting from 9 a. m. until time to fetch in the cows. Think of sitting on the hard side of a pine board seat that lones!

The spectator is sure to get his money's worth, what with all the gory thrills coming through hours of fact action. It's like going to a 500-mile auto race at Indianapolis, sitting down comfortably with one's box lunch between one's feet, waiting for the manslaughter to begin.

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